



Monument Information Guide

National Monuments are not National Parks or Wilderness Areas

- The proposed Monument will be managed by the Forest Service not the National Park Service;
- The Monument will be managed for recreation, for the preservation of heritage sites and antiquities, scenic and geologic values, waterways and riparian habitat, and bird and wildlife habitat;
- There will not be any gates. The Monument can be used 24 hours a day;
- Commercial permits stay in existence;
- Approximately 81,000 acres of the proposed national monument are not wilderness and do not meet wilderness standards; they will be managed much like they are today.

Issues Relating to Indian Tribes

- Indian sacred sites are to be protected and preserved;
- Traditional Indian cultural and spiritual uses and Indian tribal members performing them will be protected;
- Nothing shall be construed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe.

Recreation

Recreation activities represent a major consideration and motivation for permanent protection of the lands that will comprise the Monument. Below is a sample of some of the recreation activities that residents and visitors will continue to enjoy.

- Hiking
- Biking in non-wilderness areas
- Commercial jeep tours
- Sightseeing in personal vehicles on designated roadways
- Horseback riding
- Commercial balloon rides
- Bird watching
- Swimming
- Hunting/Fishing

- Climbing
- Dog walking
- Target shooting
- All-terrain-vehicles on designated roadways
- Kayaking and canoeing when conditions allow



Commercial Operations on Monument Lands

Monument designation will not impact current contracts. Permits will continue for the duration of contract. Currently, new contracts are approved by the Forest Service and this will continue.

- Grazing permits are grandfathered in
- Jeep tours
- Balloon rides
- Permitted hiking groups
- Camp grounds
- Parking lots
- Tours
- Retail stores
- Current mining rights grandfathered in
- No new mining rights permitted

Private Property

Private property rights are protected through the Antiquities Act, monument proclamation, U.S. Supreme Court and District Court rulings and legal opinion of the Solicitor of the U.S. Department of Interior:

- Forest Service has no authority over private lands;
- Private property will continue to be governed by state, county and local jurisdictions;
- Existing ingress and egress rights are grandfathered in;
- Valid existing water rights are grandfathered in;
- Zoning laws are those of local government jurisdictions.

Government Considerations

National Monument proclamations take into account the unique circumstances of each area and existing rights granted to state, county and local governments on Forest Service land.

- Existing rights-of-way are grandfathered in and can be maintained and expanded within the existing easement;
- New rights-of-way for new roadway construction are allowed following the current approval process;

- Current rights-of-way for utilities, such as water, gas, telecommunications, etc, are grandfathered in and maintenance and improvements within easement allowed;
- New utility rights-of-way and construction can take place on the Monument lands with Forest Service approval;
- The Townsite Act for a city to obtain land for municipal purposes is allowed;
- Education.